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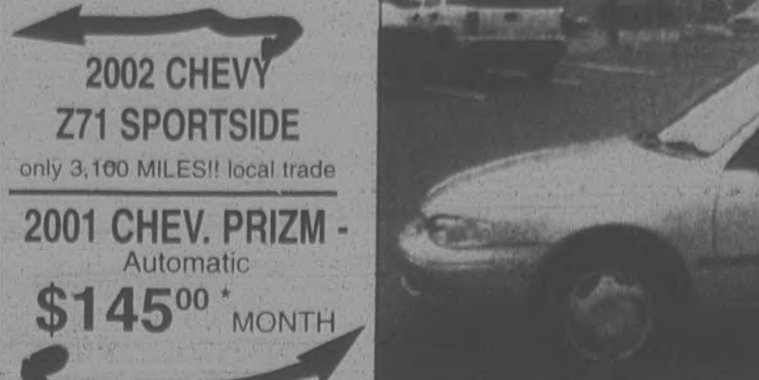


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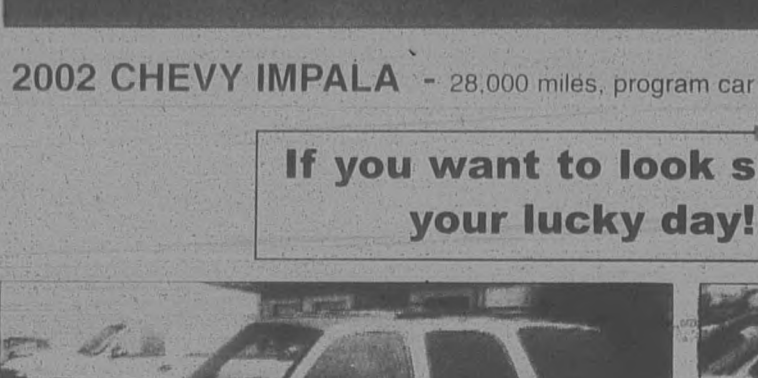


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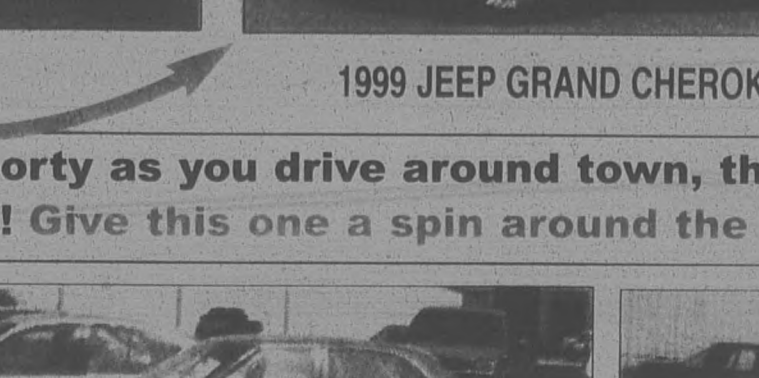


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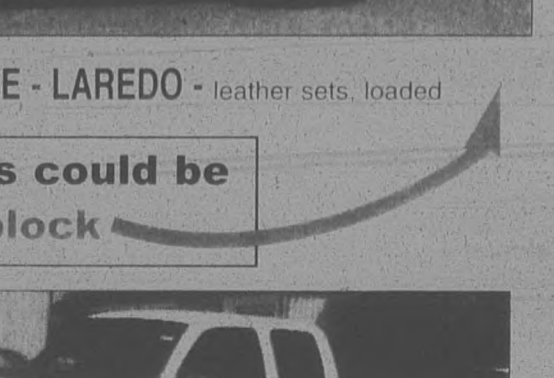
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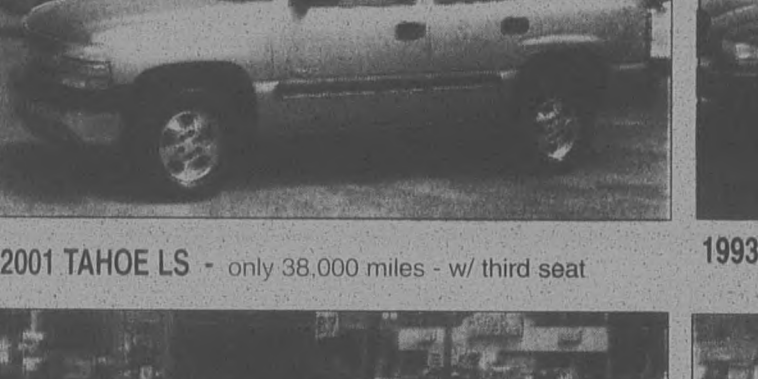
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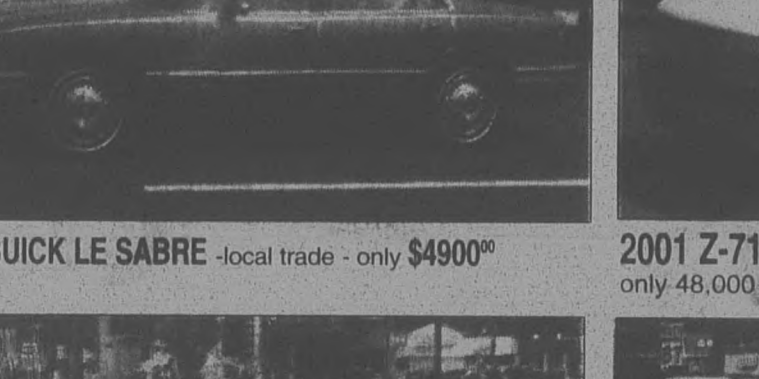
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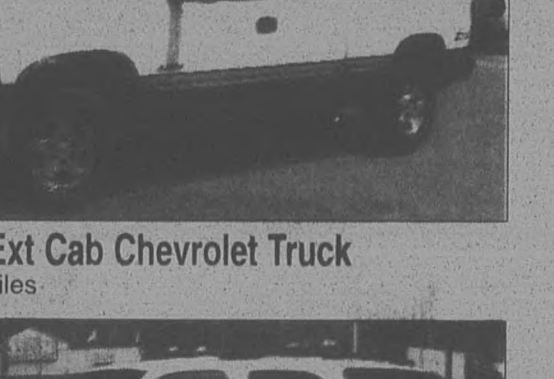
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Town of Kinston holds groundbreaking ceremony for senior center

by Linda Hodge, Editor

State Senator Jimmy Holley and State Representative Terry Spicer returned to Kinston Tuesday morning, Sept. 24, for the groundbreaking ceremony of the Kinston Senior Citizen Center.

Just over 10 months ago, Holley and Spicer met with citizens of Kinston to announce that Gov. Don Siegelman had awarded the Town of Kinston \$249,300 in Community Development Block Grant funds for the building and renovation of a new senior citizen center. At that time, the two elected officials also announced that the grant would be 100 percent funded.

Tuesday morning, the project took a giant leap forward as officials used their gold-plated shovels to move the first scoops of dirt.

"What a great and memorable day this is for me," Holley said. "What a great service this center will be not only for those here

but for those to come."

Holley said the grant money is in place for the project, the town has acquired the property to build the facility and the architectural makeup has been prepared for it.

Spicer echoed many of Holley's remarks and in saying Tuesday was a very big day for the Town of Kinston.

He said he and Holley have been able to accomplish many things over the past four years by working together, as well as with the citizens and the senior center project for Kinston has been a top priority throughout the term.

Spicer also took time to thank Gov. Siegelman for his help in acquiring the funds to make the idea of building a new center in Kinston become a reality.

He said he and Holley probably wore out their welcome with the governor in regards to the project as they always made sure to mention it every time a meeting was held with the governor. He said they provided a

constant reminder about the need for the center until the funds were secured so the project could proceed.

The Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission will be working with the Town of Kinston in completing the project.

Tuesday morning, Holley asked Frederick Hamilton, a representative for the commission, what the time frame looks like for the project.

Hamilton responded by saying the commission is currently waiting for the architect to complete his work then the project will be bid. He said he imagines the people of Kinston will be able to see some progress within the next 120 days.

Betty Jo Seay, manager of the Kinston Senior Center, expressed her overwhelming joy about the project and joked by saying she did not know if 120 days would be soon enough.

"They need to do it in about 30 minutes," she said laughing.



The first scoops of dirt were moved Tuesday morning, Sept. 24, for the construction of a new senior citizen center in the Town of Kinston. Nearly one year after officials announced the awarding of funds for the project, they gathered at the sight of where the new center will now be constructed. Funds were made available for the project by Alabama Gov. Don Siegelman through a Community Development Block Grant. Those officials present for the groundbreaking ceremony included (from left): State Senator Jimmy Holley, Eleanor Wright, Council on Aging; Betty Jo Seay, manager of the Kinston Senior Citizen Center; Kinston Mayor William Mullins; State Representative Terry Spicer; and Frederick Hamilton, a representative of the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission.

During regular bimonthly meeting

Coffee County Commission awards annual bids

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission held its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, Sept. 23, and the majority of the meeting focused on the opening and awarding of several bids.

Commissioners began with the opening of bids for motor-grader blades, and five of 11 companies submitted bids.

After reviewing each of the bids, county engineer Randy Tindell recommended that the commission award the motor-grader blade bid to Tractor and Equipment Co. of Dothan. This company submitted the low bid at \$22.61 per blade and \$9,044 as the total bid.

Next, the commission opened bids for steel pipe and only three companies submitted bids for this item.

Upon the recommendation of Tindell, the commission awarded the bid for steel pipe to Harvey Culvert Co. of Cleveland, Ala., in the amount of \$13,840.91. This was the lowest bid submitted.

The opening of annual bids was the next item on the agenda for commissioners, and they managed to award all of the annual bids opened during the Monday morning meeting.

First on the list were three different components used by the county for asphalt, and only two companies submitted bids for these components.

As the low bidder, Blackledge Emulsions Inc. of Gulfport, Miss., was awarded the bids for Prime (MC 70) at a price of \$1 per gallon and Emulsified

Asphalt (CRS-2 with Latex Rubber Additive) at a price of \$0.755 per gallon.

Hunt Refining Company of Tuscaloosa, Ala., submitted the low bid for Emulsified Asphalt (CRS-2) at a price of \$0.6417 per gallon and was awarded the bid for that component.

The bid for crushed stone originally received a vote from the commission to table until the next meeting; however, later in the meeting, the commission again followed the recommendation of Tindell and voted to remove the item from the table. After doing this, the bid was awarded to the following way.

Three companies submitted bids for crushed stone to include: Limestone #78, #5 and #6, Class I Rip-Rap and Class II Rip-Rap. Three companies submitted bids with two options.

Option A concerned prices for having the stone delivered, and Martin-Marietta Aggregates of Birmingham submitted the lowest bid for all crushed stone. The Option A bid awarded to this company reflected limestone #78 at \$15.25 per ton, limestone #5 and #6 at \$14.75 per ton, Class I Rip-Rap and Class II Rip-Rap at \$17 per ton.

Option B included prices based on a pick-up option and found each of the companies receiving an award on some part.

Martin-Marietta Aggregates was awarded the bid for limestone #78 with a low bid of \$5.75 per ton; Vulcan Materials Co. of Mobile was awarded the bids for limestone #5 and #6 with a low bid \$5.40 per ton for

each item; and Southeast Materials of Birmingham was awarded the bids for Class I Rip-Rap and Class II Rip-Rap with the low bid of \$6.99 per ton on each item.

Three companies also shared low bids for herbicides for the year as Agro Distribution, LLC of Headland, Ala., was awarded the bid for MSMA at \$12.75 per gallon and 2,4-D at \$9.45 per gallon; Timberland Enterprises of Auburn received the bid for Garlon 3A at \$62.49 per gallon; Rodeo at \$43.29 per gallon and Garlon 4 at \$79.75 per gallon; and DeAngelo Bros., Inc. of Elmore, Ala., received the bid for Round-Up at \$28.75 per gallon and Dust at \$52.40 per pound.

Only one company submitted a bid for seeding, fertilizing and spreading; therefore, Tindell recommended that the bid be awarded to the Coffee County Farm Co-op in Elba at \$26.48 per ton for lime and \$192.69 per ton for fertilizer.

The hauling road building materials bid was decided between three companies, and commissioners followed the recommendation of Tindell by awarding the bid to Donnell Sand Company of Bellwood, Ala., at a \$45 hourly rental rate.

The final bid awarded for the day was for filter blanket, and this bid was awarded to the only company that submitted a bid.

Sherman Concrete Pipe of Dothan, Ala., received the bid at

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Elba City Council joins debate over I-10 connector

by Fern Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council jumped into the debate over a proposed I-10 connector from the Florida Panhandle, beaches into Alabama Monday night.

The council joined a number of other Wiregrass governing bodies and adopted a resolution urging the route be located West of the City of Dothan at a location as determined by the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT). The resolution commends the ALDOT for its efforts, states a belief that the western route would best serve the citizens of the Wiregrass and is the most practical solution.

What is not in the resolution is a fear expressed by some officials that the ongoing dispute will cause the decision on a route to be delayed until all the money has been obligated. The next round of allocations will be at least another five years away.

The council approved a new three-year contract with Coffee County EMS for emergency medical services within the city limits. A similar agreement was also approved by the Coffee County Commission for the rural area surrounding Elba.

The new contract calls for the city of Elba to pay \$2,250.00 monthly in cash and \$1,000 in-kind for the use of two city owned ambulances.

An clause in an early draft contract called for EMS to use the use of the old Elba Rescue Squad building. That perk was struck from the contract after EMS officials decided it was best they stay in their present location.

The council agreed to enter into a contract with Horseshoe Consulting of Troy, AL for the preparation of a voter redistricting plan, based on the 2000 census. A new plan must be in place prior to the next municipal elections.

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\$0.60 per square yard. Upon recommending its approval, Tindell told commissioners that the bid fell in line with the bid from last year.

Coffee County EMA director John Tallas briefed commissioners, upon their request, about the West Nile Virus situation and what the county is doing in regards to prevention. Tallas said Coffee County has received a \$3,000 grant from the state to help with mosquito control and that money is being used to purchase 15 cases (100 per case) of larvicide briquettes along with helping defray costs experienced by the cities of Elba and Enterprise which have each expanded mosquito spraying this year.

Tallas said the citizens of Coffee County also need to do their part in helping control mosquitoes by cleaning up in areas that might be breeding grounds and making sure there is no standing water.

Local students graduate from LBW College

Lurleen B. Wallace Junior College Interim President, Dr. James Krudop provided the commencement address for graduates of MacArthur State Technical College on Thursday, August 22, at the Opp High School auditorium. During the 2001-2002 academic year, 172 students completed graduation requirements. Local students include Joshua Bryan of Brantley, Ala.; Virginia Rogers, Jacqueline Thomas, Larry Smith, Cara Patterson, Justin Mack, Leigh Davis, Tabatha Anderson, Vickie Bannin, Carman Coleman, Phyllis Maddox, Jeanette Siler, Donna Beck and Eli Praytor of Elba, Ala.; Waylen Littlefield, Alan Sanders, Joy Bradshaw, Beverly Bullard, Amelia Wallace and

around.

He said the health department is making the determination about areas that might need the larvicide briquettes, and anyone wanting to have a determination made about an area should contact the health department.

In response to Commissioner Linda Westbrook's question as to whether there have been any human deaths in Coffee County related to the West Nile Virus, Tallas said he is not aware of any.

He did say, however, that he heard rumors last week of a child at one of the local schools having WNV, but at this point it is just a rumor since tests have not come back confirming such a thing. Also, he said an 82-year-old woman in New Brockton had previously been confirmed as having WNV, but she is recovering.

County administration Wilson Mobley told commissioners Monday morning that a

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balanced budget needed to be approved before Oct. 1. He said through the many hours of work, the commission had developed a balanced budget in the amount of \$10,483,217 for the Fiscal Year 2003.

Commission chairman Tom Grimley presented a motion with a second from Westbrook to accept the budget as presented by Mobley. This motion passed by a 5-2 vote with all voting in favor except commissioners Jim Thompson and Doug Dalrymple.

In other business, the commission approved a motion to accept a 3-year agreement at \$3,250 per month with Coffee County EMS for emergency medical service in the areas of the county that come in through the Elba dispatch for E-911. The motion asked for a couple of changes to be made in regards to the agreement before it is accepted. These changes include the proper spelling of some words in the contract and the waiver of a 10 percent late fee on monthly statements if not paid by a certain day.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m. in the community room at the county complex in New Brockton.

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Notice:

The Elba City School System is in the process of identifying all persons with disabilities, age 3 - 21 years who are not enrolled in an educational setting. Parents of a child with disabilities or know of someone who is disabled, please contact the special education coordinator's office at Elba City Board of Education at 897-2801.

It is important that all persons with disabilities be identified so appropriate services can be provided.



A WALK TO REMEMBER. Barbara Everett, center, chairman of the 10th annual Alzheimer's walk that will take place Saturday, Oct. 5, at Westgate Park in Dothan, is joined by Kay Jones and Dr. Lawson Bryan in inviting everyone to participate in the 2002 A Walk to Remember. Mr. Jones is executive director of the Alzheimer's Resource Center. Dr. Bryan is past chairman (2000-2001) of A Walk to Remember. The annual walk is the primary fund-raiser for the Alzheimer's Resource Center, and all of the money raised stays in the local service area to provide programs and educational materials for families, caregivers and victims of Alzheimer's disease. Registration for the walk a donation will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Oct. 5; team pictures will be made at 8 a.m., the walk will begin following brief opening ceremonies at 8:30 a.m. There will be 1.3 and 5 mile courses. Those who prefer may walk in the gym at Westgate. For information about the walk or about the services provided by the Alzheimer's Resource Center, please call 1-888-702-8089 or 334-702-2273. The Alzheimer's Resource Center serves 16 counties in Alabama along with portions of northwest Florida.

New State Farm agent preparing to take over vacant Elba office

Local citizens associated with the State Farm Agency in Elba, formerly headed by Mike McGuire, surely have noticed some changes as of recently and may be filled with several questions.

Stan Houston, originally from Blakely, Ga., has been chosen to take over the agency; however, Houston is required by State Farm to complete an intern program and will not officially assume the position of agent until Jan. 1, 2003.

Houston moved to Elba recently with his wife, Chilton, and two-year-old daughter, Emmaluce, and is currently working to fulfill his intern requirements during which he

will acquire his Alabama agent's license.

He said he has been with State Farm for approximately four years and previously worked as a Senior Fire Claims Representative with the company before being named an agent.

On a side note, he said his father has been an State Farm agent in Blakely for more than 30 years.

Although Houston said he is not able to perform the duties of an agent at this time, he did want State Farm customers to know that business is still being conducted in the office.

"I'm in and out of the office while completing the internship," he said. "Right now, I'm trying to get to know everyone,



Stan Houston

but we want people to realize that we are still here and are able to take care of any and all insurance needs."

During Houston's internship process, the agency is being headed by Sandra Franklin, a fully licensed staff person; and she is able to handle all sales or service concerns.

In January, Houston will take over all insurance lines. When asked what made him apply for the Elba agency, Houston said, "Elba is a lot like the town I grew up in, and Southeast Alabama is like home to me."

Despite only being a resident here for a few weeks, he said he has already grown fond of the small city and its people.

"This is the friendliest town I've ever been in," he said. "I look forward to serving the community as a State Farm agent."

Grid-Iron Fan-Fair being planned at ESJC on Oct. 5th

Enterprise State Junior College doesn't have a football team of its own but is inviting all college football fans in the area to become part of the Grid-Iron Fan-Fair. The fan-filled event has two goals. The first is to have fun while supporting your favorite college team. The second is to raise money for the Performing Arts and Technology Center being built on the ESJC campus.

Grid-Iron Fan-Fair is a simple game in which college football fans show support for their favorite teams by purchasing Fan-Fair Bucks. Fans buy one dollar Fan-Fair Bucks for the collegiate team of their choice. The Bucks will be sold in businesses throughout the Wiregrass and by College alumni group members. The team that raises the most money will have "braggin' rights."

The College will host a week-long series of events, which culminates in Grid-Iron Game Day, Saturday, October 5, 2002. The public will be able to participate in a number of the family-oriented events being planned for the day.

For more information on how you, or your alumni group, can participate in Grid-Iron Fan-Fair, call Susan Steck at 393-ESJC or 347-2623, ext. 226.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Christina Kirkland inducted to Phi Kappa Phi

Christina A. Kirkland of Jacksonville was inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at the summer 2002 initiation ceremony at Troy State University.

Kirkland is a graduate student with a bachelors' degree Education, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 and is dedicated to recognizing academic excellence in all fields of higher education. It is the most selective, all-discipline honor society, with more than 1 million members and 282 chapters. It invites the top 10 percent of seniors and the top 7.5 percent of juniors into membership.

Aviation Center Chapter of the Army to host annual Chili 5k and Cook-off Competition

The Aviation Center Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA) will host the annual Chili 5k and Cook-off competition Oct. 26.

The Chili 5k race will again be conducted by the Wiregrass Road Runners.

The event at the Howze Parade Field is open to the public and includes the competitive 5-kilometer race, a 1-mile Fun Run, family activities, displays of military vehicles, refreshments, and the opportunity to sample chili recipes prepared by cooking teams from throughout the Wiregrass.

Details about the competitive events and registration forms are available at a web site, www.snowhill.com/~stdole.

Registration forms and information are also available by calling Steve Coleman (chili cook-off) 255-5198, Rich Tanner (5K and fun run) 255-5080, or John Naege (overall event) 255-0082.

Sponsorships are available through the Fort Rucker Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) office, 598-5311.

Conversational Spanish-2 being offered at ESJC

Conversational Spanish-2 has been added to Enterprise State Junior College's special interest course offerings this fall semester. This course is designed for people with some knowledge of Spanish. Completion of Conversational Spanish-1 is suggested but not required. At the conclusion of this class students should have improved their Spanish language usage so they should be able to communicate better when visiting Spanish-speaking countries or when speaking with Hispanic co-workers. There is a \$40.00 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is October 8.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays, October 15-November 19, 6:00-8:00 p.m. For more information, call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.



DR. JOSEPH D. TALMADGE, (right) of Enterprise, has accepted an interim appointment as historian of the Alabama Society. Sons of the American Revolution, to fill a vacancy due to the death of the late Dr. John Kent of Birmingham. Society president John R. Wallace, (left), said he will ask the group's board to confirm the appointment during a Monticomey meeting on Oct. 5. Talmadge is a retired president of Enterprise State Junior College.

EHS Class of 1982 plan 20 year class reunion

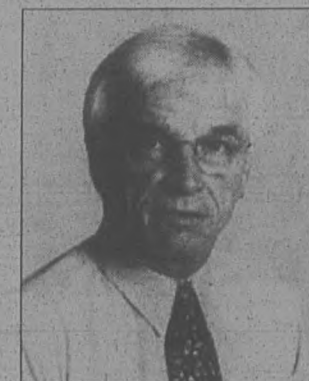
Elba High School Class of 1982 will celebrate their 20 year reunion October 18-20, 2002. For more information call 356-8497 or 717-9635.

The Wiregrass Self Help For Hard of Hearing group to meet

The Wiregrass Self Help For Hard of Hearing People (SHHH) group will meet Thursday, September 26, 2002 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Flowers Hospital, Doctor's Building, Dothan ENT Conference Room, 4300 West Main Street, Suite 403, Dothan, AL. The group is open to anyone who has hearing loss or has friends or family members with hearing loss. The goal of the group is to provide education about hearing loss, technology, and coping skills. This month the featured guest will be Stormi Whitfield, an audiologist. For more information, please contact Jennifer Fanning at 334-677-6270.

Free Nurse CEU Seminar scheduled at MacArthur

MacArthur's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division will offer a seminar on Implementing Successful School-Based Prevention Programs on Wednesday, October 16, 2002 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. This seminar is sponsored by the Alabama Department of Public Health. There is no charge for CEUs. Nurses will receive 2.0 contact hours. CEUs are also available for social workers. This seminar will discuss how the health of our youth is in danger. Practical Ideas for enhancing physical activity, better nutrition, and reducing tobacco use in schools will be identified. For more information or to register, please contact MacArthur's Workforce



I would like to Thank You for your many years of kind support. Again, I need your help and support in the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 5th.

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SCHOOLS

Co-Op Spotlight



by Shawna Hill

This week's spotlight shines on senior Joseph Falls. He is the 17-year-old son of Ronald Falls and works as a store clerk at Kelly's Barbeque. Joseph is a member of Ino Baptist Church. He has numerous hobbies such as listening to, playing basketball, playing golf, arrow-head hunting with his dad, and of course, working.

Congratulations to Mr. Joseph Falls!!!

Williams named DAR Good Citizen

by Blake Brunson

Every year a student from the senior class is chosen by the teachers and students to be the DAR Good Citizen. This year's DAR Good Citizen is Samantha Williams.

What does being the DAR Good Citizen mean? Well, DAR stands for the Daughters of the American Revolution. The student selected for the DAR Good Citizen Award from Elba will get to write an essay that will be submitted into competition on the county, state, and national levels for scholarship money. The local DAR chapter sponsors this student. The point of the essay contest is to emphasize being a responsible and trustworthy young adult and to reward students who are.

Sammie is the 17-year-old daughter of Steve and Sharon Williams. She is ranked fifth in her class, and her GPA is 100.1458. Sammie enjoys singing, dancing and being with friends. Her extra-curricular activities include dance line, softball, EHS Chorus and Sr.

English class writes "I Am" poems

by Jessica Lauren Hathcock

Mrs. Norris's English class wrote "I Am" poems as an assignment to help express themselves. Many of the poems were wonderful and very thoughtful. Some of the students have allowed us to share their work with the Elba community. Here are some of the poems for your enjoyment.

I am a nutty guy who hates ghosts.
I wonder what my room will look like in fifty years.
I hear strange things moving about.
I see dead things staring at me.
I want them to go away.
I am a nutty guy who hates ghosts.

I pretend to not see things moving about.
I feel scared that they will hurt me.
I touch the air where I saw them.

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Tiger Tales

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Faculty Spotlight

by Katie Driggers

This week's faculty spotlight focuses on Mrs. Janna Curtis. She is married to Phillip Curtis, and they have three children: Chip, age 6, Benjamin, age 2 and Emma Leigh, age 8 months.

Mrs. Curtis attended Elba High School and was involved in many different activities. She was a member of Beta Club, was in the band where she was on the color guard and played clarinet, and was also Elba's photographer. She attended Troy State University where she received degrees in international relations, eastern European concentration and elementary education. She was involved in Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and



Janna Curtis

Campus Outreach at Troy State. Mrs. Curtis is now teaching English as a second language here at Elba Elementary School. She has 11 Hispanic students that are non English speakers. Her goal for these students is to become competent in listening, speaking, reading and writing in the English language. She also assists classroom teachers anyway that she can to help the ESL students.

Mrs. Curtis said she never thought she would be back here at Elba teaching English as a second language, although, she counts it a blessing to be back home. She enjoys working with the teachers and staff and likes working with the students because they are smart and eager to learn.

Elba Elementary is proud to have Mrs. Janna Curtis with us!

Waddail named district FFA officer

by Meredith English

Every first and third Wednesday of each month, the schedule of the school day is altered a little to give the students at Elba High School a chance to participate in the clubs of their choice.

One of the many organizations offered is FFA, sponsored by the agriculture teacher, Jacob Davis. This organization offers insight on welding, pipe working, concrete and wood working, turf management, farmstead layout, scale drawing, cattle showing and much, much more.

A member of the FFA says, "It is a good organization; people need to be involved."

All of the chapters of FFA are divided into three districts: the South District, the North District and the Central District. Each district has its own president, vice president, secretary, reporter, sentinel and advisor (Every individual chapter also has these offices). The people chosen to hold these offices are selected by a group of three judges. Then, over the entire State of Alabama, two presidents are chosen from each district.

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Elba Elementary School remembers 9/11

September 11, 2001 started off like any other day, but it ended in a trail of death and destruction. 3,078 human lives were destroyed by terrorists. All over the United States of America, on the first anniversary of this catastrophe, people paid tribute to our fallen heroes.

Elba Elementary School presented a program for its students. This program was organized by Mr. Tom Maddox, the EES band director. The EES band, student council, Mr. McCollough (principal), and Mrs. Marsha Oggs (guidance counselor) participated.

The introduction was given by Mr. McCollough, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, given by Shabruan Robinson. Mrs. Pam Mitchell's second grade class led the Star Spangled Banner, which they sing everyday after the pledge. Mrs. Oggs read a tribute to September 11th that she prepared herself. The student council then followed with a presentation of hand movements to the "John Jackson song" "Where Were You When the World Stopped Turning?", and Mr. Maddox led the student body in singing "Woody Guthrie's 'This Land Is Your Land'", to which followed the band's playing of "America the Beautiful".



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Character Trait

by Alex Benbow

The character trait for this week is "Cooperation". To cooperate means working together and doing your fair share and allowing others to do the same. By using the individual strengths of each member in a group, the best possible outcome will be achieved. If someone you know is uncooperative, try to show some kindness towards them, and maybe they will lighten up.

One of the best qualities in this world is to be able to cooperate. I think that it will take you far in life and make things come a lot easier from others. If you are not cooperative as a teen, you need to try to change.

Elba Elementary School Menu

Sept. 30 - Oct. 4, 2002

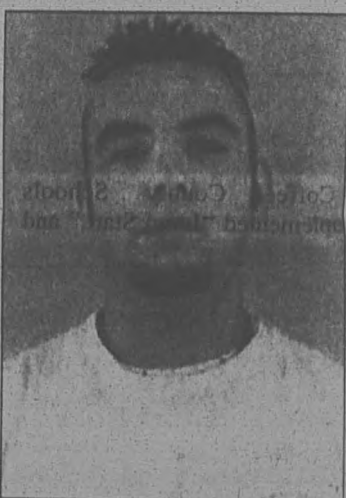
BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Chicken Nuggets, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Roll, Pear Half, Milk
Tuesday - French Toast, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Jello Cup, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Corn dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnips, Cornbread, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Thursday - Scrambled Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Taco Salad, Corn on Cob, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Barbecue on Bun, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Applesauce, Juice, Milk

Myers named EHS Good Citizen

by Kimberly Farris

Every year the senior class of Elba High School chooses a member of the class to be the EHS Good Citizen, and this year Richard Myers was chosen. Richard is the 17-year-old son of Joe and Danae Pound and Richard H. Myers.

Richard works at Jared and Brunson Law Firm. His hobbies include reading, watching movies and spending time with his friends and family. He is the reporter for VICA and also participates in Mu Alfa Theta and Senior Beta. Richard was chosen as an EHS Ambassador and assists the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band during performances. He attended the National Young



Richard Myers

Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. and was nominated to attend the Global Young Leaders Conference.

FFA participates in native wildflower grant

The Elba FFA participated and finished a native wildflower grant for the Elba community this past school year. The site is located on the school grounds between the elementary and high school campuses. The FFA was successful in getting money to buy seed and equipment to be used for educational purposes by students involved in the agriscience department. Equipment purchased for the project included: flower finder books, soil turf probe and a soil profiler. Red Wilson prepared the site and the agriscience students spread the seed. Unfortunately, due to the unseasonably dry



weather the area has experienced, the project was not a total success. Efforts will be made, however, to try and improve the stand of wildflowers on the site.

Jr. Varsity Tigers find early success

boys go out and work hard and try to improve everyday. Come out and support these young, talented athletes and see if they can go undefeated this season. After all...they are our future.

Good luck, Andy!

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK (by Brittany Cooper)-Junior class members show their spirit for our country!

SCHOOLS

New Brockton Elementary School welcomes new faculty

by Anna Beth Sawyer & Erica Locklin

New Brockton Elementary School welcomed five new teachers to its staff for the 2002-2003 school year. Although these teachers have the common bond as educators, they each have differing backgrounds as people.

The newest faculty members at NBES are Sandy Reeves, Jackie Barron, Gina Price, Cindy Allard and Lindsay Kirk.

Mrs. Sandy Reeves was born Oct. 31, 1971 and is a graduate of the University of South Alabama.

She is married to Anthony Reeves, and they have two daughters, Leslie and Lauren. Her hobbies include swimming, watching game shows and taking naps.

Mrs. Reeves said her favorite thing about New Brockton

Elementary School is the friendly staff.

Mrs. Jackie Barron was born June 9, 1973 and is a graduate of Troy State University where she obtained a Master's degree in elementary education and a Bachelor's degree in business administration.

Mrs. Barron's husband, Danny, is a sergeant with the Troy Police Department, and they have two daughters, Hillary and Nicole. Her hobbies include walking, reading and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Gina Donaldson Price is a reading specialist at Brockton Elementary

and is a small community school with a strong faculty, staff, parents and students.

Mrs. Price said her favorite thing about New Brockton Elementary is that it is a small community school with a strong faculty, staff, parents and students.

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SPORTS

Views from....
THE PRESSBOX
By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We asked the girls to sort out their clothes over the weekend and to put the ones they couldn't wear out in the hall so we could take them to the Christian Mission. Well, after an hour or so the girls' closets were clean, but you could barely walk through the hall. As we started bagging up the clothes we too made a check of what had been discarded, and after calling in the girls to make certain they really wanted to get rid of all the clothes, weren't surprised when they changed their minds on at least half of what had been put in the hall. Oh well, at least we got rid of a few things and made a little more room in the closets.

ELBA TIGERS FALL SHORT AGAINST SECOND RANKED PIKE COUNTY IN CLASS 3A, REGION 2 ENCOUNTER

The Elba Tigers had high hopes of coming back with an upset win last week when they headed into Brundidge to battle the second ranked Pike County Bulldogs, and while the Tigers did fight from the opening whistle until the final horn, the Bulldogs simply had too many weapons and used the big play to send the Tigers home with a 39-20 loss. The Elba offense showed Pike County a few wrinkles and at times had success running the football, but more times than not struggled for yardage on the ground and was forced to go to the airway in an effort to put points on the scoreboard. The Tigers had success both running and passing, but once again lacked the consistency to control the tempo of the game. When a team can control the tempo of the game it can control the game, and Elba has yet to take that next step to be able to do that on offense. The Elba defense played hard and kept fighting until the final horn, as was evident by the goal line stand it made in the closing seconds of the game. The defense made a few mistakes in coverage and missed some tackles that helped Pike County score six touchdowns. However, a lot of the credit has to go to Pike County and its talented skill people. Okay, Elba got beat by nineteen points to a region opponent and now has its back to the wall just to make the playoffs. Everyone knew going into the season the Tigers would have their hands full every time they hit the field, and the last two weeks they have simply made too many mistakes, both mental and physical, to win against the teams on Elba's schedule. I have no doubts that Elba will continue to work hard and play hard, and will still pull off a few surprises before the season draws to a close. Just watch!

One thing that was great to read was Pike County Coach Wayne Grant's comments after the game about how loud the Elba fans were. Coach Grant commended the Elba fans and was quoted as saying that it was important for his team to answer every Elba challenge to try to keep the Elba fans from getting even louder. That came from the coach of the home team. Great job fans, if the other sideline can hear you, you know the Tiger players can hear your support.

ANOTHER SO-SO WEEK FOR AREA TEAMS IN REGION GAMES AS FOUR TEAMS POST 2-2 RECORD

The fourth week of the season was another big week weekend and for the teams in the area it was another 2-2 week. Here's a quick look back....

*** **New Brockton (2-2)** - The Gamecocks scored first and scored last in their battle against Houston Academy, but the Raiders scored 31 points in between the Gamecock touchdowns and posted the big 31-13 win. New Brockton may have lost the game to go 1-2 in region play; however, the Gamecocks played hard on both sides of the football and showed the ability to run and throw the ball on offense, and also showed they love to hit on defense. There is a lot of season left and New Brockton is still very much alive.

*** **Kinston (2-1)** - The Bulldogs spoiled the homecoming party down in Florida with an easy 42-13 romp past the winless Wildcats. Kinston scored early and often to take command in the first quarter and was never challenged in posting the key region win. With two region wins under their belt already, it looks like the Bulldogs have met their rebuilding season head on and may be the surprise team in the area.

*** **Brantley (3-1)** - The Bulldogs went to 3-0 in the region with an easy 41-0 win over Houston County and now look like the team to beat in the region race. The Bulldogs have scored points in bunches the past two weeks in averaging 36 points a game, while the Brantley defense has tossed two shut outs in a row. Brantley has some big games left on its schedule. However, the Bulldogs are growing weekly and may be a team to watch by play-off time.



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*** **Zion Chapel (0-4)** - The Rebels fell behind early and never caught up Friday night as they remained winless with a 39-20 loss to Arion. The Rebels are improving in some areas of the game each and every week, and while that improvement must continue, they must remain solid in the other areas and keep working. There are no short cuts in football, and while the Rebels have already found that out, I haven't heard any complaints from the players or coaches. So, they know their day is coming.

WEEK #4 OF PREP SEASON HAS A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING, INCLUDING LIGHTNING STRIKES

The fourth week of the high school football season has come and gone, and while the rainy weather made a return appearance at some places, the week's action was fast and furious. Here's a look back at the week that was....

*** Three men were injured by lightning at a high school game in Cullman. Two coaches from J.B. Pennington and a school video camera man were taken to the hospital after the lightning apparently ran through the head sets of the coaches and the extension cord being used by the camera man. It wasn't raining at the time of the lightning, but the game was postponed until the next night.

*** Opelika clinched a tie for the Dothan city championship last week by defeating Northview 48-0. The Bulldogs had pounded Dothan 53-0 the week before, which means Opelika beat the two 6A teams from Dothan by a combined score of 101-0. Ouch!

*** Defending 6A state champ Daphne was outscored by Vigor 43-42 in overtime, and it looks like the Wolves are back on track after a couple of lean years. Vigor has a line that averages around 270 pounds per man, and a look the Enterprise schedule shows that the Prichard power will come to Enterprise later in the season. As if the region wasn't tough enough, the Wildcats will host Vigor in a non-region game.

*** T.R. Miller opened up a 56-0 halftime lead and then pulled off the dogs in an easy 56-8 win over lowly Calhoun. The Tigers of Coach Jamie Riggs got a wake up call back in week #2 from the folks in Straughn, and are now running on all cylinders as they try to get primed and ready for another state title run.

*** Charles Henderson improved to 4-0 with a hard fought 14-0 win over Greenville. The Trojans are still rolling along and picked by many to be a 5A contender. However, last week's struggles over in Greenville may have shown a few kinks in the Trojans' armor.

*** Opp evened its record at 2-2 with a big 36-6 win over Bullock County, and the folks down in Opp are talking about winning out. The Bobcats are improved from last year's winless season, but to even suggest the Bobcats can run the table against such opponents as Straughn, Geneva and Andalusia is nothing more than wishful thinking.

*** Straughn posted a 28-19 road win over Clarke County to remain unbeaten and it looks like the Tigers are on a collision course with Pike County to determine the region champion. The Tigers have some very impressive early-season wins to their credit. However, with games still ahead against teams like Opp, Elba, W.S. Neal, Pike County and Red Level, a 10-0 record seems a long way off to me.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKING UP THE PACE WITH PREP FOOTBALL PICKS AS SEASON ROLLS ALONG

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by the office early this week and stated that while many of the area teams had stumbled in recent weeks, the playoffs were still two months away, and declared that all the teams in the area were still alive in the race for the post-season party. The local guessper hit on 31 of his 32 picks last week to move to 106-22 for the season, with his only miss being Barbour County's upset over Abbeville. He admitted that a 31-1 week will be a hard act to follow, but left these picks for week #5....



Elba Junior Tiger running back Stefaun Burks (10) heads upfield in last week's 8-0 overtime win over Opp. The win upped Elba's record to 3-0 on the season.

Slip past Opp 8-0 in overtime**Elba Junior Tigers remain undefeated**

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Junior High Tigers remained undefeated Thursday night by claiming an exciting 8-0 win over the Opp Junior High Bobcats, in overtime.

The win upped Elba's record to 3-0, while Opp slipped to 1-2 with the loss.

Neither team had much success on offense early in the game as rugged defensive play and nagging penalties prevented both teams from mounting any scoring threats.

The Tigers did stage a mild threat midway through the second quarter and marched from the Elba 38-yardline to the Opp 30. A 34-yard scamper by Stefaun Burks was a key play in the drive, while a 5-yard gain by Burks on fourth down and two gave the Tigers a first down at the Bobcat 30. Elba got as close as the Bobcat 27, but time ran out in the half and at intermission the scoreboard still read 0-

ELBA VS. LUVERNE

The fun is always flying when these two sets of felines tangle and that will be the case Friday night when the Cats from Crenshaw County head into Tiger Stadium in Elba. The black and gold Tigers have struggled in recent weeks and will enter the annual grudge match with a two-game losing streak, but should fight hard to defend its den and emerge with a much needed victory over a long time rival.

ELBA 22 LUVERNE 16**NEW BROCKTON VS. FLORALA**

The Gamecocks will be looking to get their beaks back above water against the winless Wildcats from down in Florala, and should have an easy time of it against the named Cats from the state line. If the Gamecocks take the win for granted it could be close, at least for a while. However, that won't be the case.

NEW BROCKTON 35 FLORALA 6**KINSTON VS. SAMSON**

The Bulldogs will be hosting their neighbors from across the county line Friday night and are hoping that they can improve on last week's showing against Florala and grab their third win in four tries. The Tigers have a strong defense, but have struggled when they have the ball, and that should bode well for the Dogs.

KINSTON 18 SAMSON 14**ZION CHAPEL VS. G.W. LONG**

It will be the Civil War all over again this week when the Rebels from Jack challenge the Rebels from over in Skipperville. While it may not be a major battle and probably won't get much attention from other fans, it should be a good one to watch as both teams fight to turn things around in a lackluster season.

G.W. LONG 20 ZION CHAPEL 12**BRANTLEY VS. HIGHLAND HOME**

The Bulldogs have been on a tear in recent weeks and will try and carry their winning ways with them Friday night when they head up to Highland Home to battle the always tough Flying Squadron. While this one looks like a defensive battle on paper, the guess here is that the Bulldogs will win the battle and come home with a big road win.

BRANTLEY 24 HIGHLAND HOME 8**OTHER PICKS:**

Arion 40 Geneva County 8
Houston Academy 34 J.B. Blackshear 0
Ashford 21 Houston County 3
Niceville 45 Maplesville 12
McKenzie 29 Georgiana 27
Red Level 28 Pleasant Home 13
Goshen 20 J.F. Shields 0
Slocomb 33 Headland 20
Washington County 40 Fruitdale 13
Cottonwood 21 Wickburg 16
Rehobeth 14 Abbeville 6
T.R. Miller 28 Andalusia 10
Pike County 20 Montgomery Academy 14
Straughn 21 Opp 15
Dale County 20 Trinity 17
Daleville 14 Carroll 3
Geneva 15 Halcroft 14
Eufaula 17 Smiths Station 14
Charles Henderson 34 Northview 70
Dothan 21 Lanier 8
Prattville 28 Enterprise 14
Opelika 31 R.E. Lee 10



Elba Junior High cheerleaders (l-r) Kayla Homyak, Megan Anderson and Melanie Mularz had reason to smile last week as the Tigers remained unbeaten.

for a touchdown. Chandler passed to Guy Anderson for the two-point conversion, and Elba owned an 8-0 lead.

Opp ran the ball on four of its plays in overtime, but could get no closer than the Elba 5-yardline, as the aggressive Tiger defense rose up and recorded the shut-out!

Stefaun Burks gained 62 yards on 18 carries to lead the Elba offense, while Lonzo Cook added 19 yards on 4 carries and

LaRay Williams gained 8 yards on 3 totes. Curtis Chandler hit on 3 of 4 passes for 18 yards, with Guy Anderson pulling in 2 passes for 13 yards. The Elba defense was paced by Guy Anderson with 12 tackles, 2 assists and 1 interception, while Lewis Johnson added 10 stops and 1 assist and LaRay Williams had 6 tackles.

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Fall to 1-2 in region standings**Elba outscored by Pike 39-20**

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers battled toe-to-toe with the second ranked Pike County Bulldogs for all four quarters Friday night in Brundidge, only to fall victim to the big play as the Bulldogs connected on three long touchdown passes to outscore the Tigers 39-20, in a big Class 3A, Region 1 battle.

The loss left the Tigers with a 2-2 record, 1-2 in region play, while the Bulldogs improved to 4-0 with the win and moved their region slate to a perfect 3-0.

Elba had a chance to strike early in the game after a fumbled punt gave the Tigers excellent field position at the Pike County 16-yardline. However, the Tigers returned the favor on the very next play when a half-back pass on a reverse was intercepted in the endzone.

The two region rivals swapped punts on their next two series, but the Bulldog offense came to life on its third possession of the night and marched 84 yards in 11 plays to get on the scoreboard. Two big pass completions covered 32 yards and kept the drive alive early, while the score came on a 14 yards dash by Craig Flowers, Nick Walker added the extra-point, and the Bulldogs were ahead 7-0 early in the second quarter.

Elba put the ball in play at its own 32-yardline following an exchange of punts and surprised the Pike County defense by marching 68 yards in 12 plays to get into the endzone. The Tigers faced first down and 20 at the Elba 35-yardline after a holding penalty early in the possession. However, a seven yard pass from Brandon Petty to Guy Anderson on third down and ten gave the Tigers hope, and Elba then fooled the Bulldogs when they cut into the Pike County defense and took a direct snap in punt formation and bulled for 5 yards to keep the drive alive!

Elba moved to a third down and eight at the Pike County 28 behind the hard running of Jason Curran and the Quimion Moultry, and after a penalty against Pike County, came up with another big play when Petty again found Anderson, this time for a 19-yard pass completion that gave the Tigers a first and goal at the Bulldog 6-yardline. Cherelle Edwards burst up the middle on the next play for a six-yard touchdown run, and even though a two-point try

failed, Elba was within 7-6 with only 1:44 remaining in the half. Pike County returned the ensuing on-sides kick attempt to the Elba 45-yardline to put the Bulldogs in business, while a 20-yard gain by Craig Flowers gave the Bulldogs a first down at the Elba 31. Pike County was still twenty-eight yards from the Elba goal line two plays later, but threw up a prayer and had it answered on the next play as Chris Nickson lofted a pass high into the endzone and Chris Bell out-jumped a Tiger defender for a Pike County touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but Pike County had extended its lead to 13-6 with only 19 remaining in the half.

Pike County received the second half kickoff and needed only two plays to add to its lead. The touchdown came when Chris Nickson dropped back and connected with Nick Walker on a short crossing pattern, and the Bulldog tight-end broke a tackle, reached the sidelines and raced 65 yards for a touchdown. A two-point attempt failed, leaving Pike County with a 19-6 advantage with 1:25 remaining in the third quarter.

Pike County got the ball back near midfield after an Elba punt and this time marched 51 yards in six plays to add to its lead. The scoring march came entirely on the ground and was climaxed when fullback Jason Curran burst through a hole in the middle of the Elba defense and rambled 19 yards into the endzone. A two-point try again failed, but with 7:01 left in the third quarter Pike County appeared to be in complete command with a 25-6 lead.

The Elba offense was forced to punt on its next possession. However, the Tigers got the ball right back on a pass interception by Todd Horstead, and this time marched 30 yards in five plays to cut into the Pike County advantage. An 11-yard pass from Brandon Petty to Kyle English was a key play in the scoring march, while the touchdown came on a 3-yard blast up the middle by Cherelle Edwards. Petty passed to Marcus Henderson for the two-point conversion, and with 3:00 left in the third quarter Elba was still alive and had cut the Bulldogs' lead to 25-14.

Pike County needed only three plays to quiet the Elba side of the field; however, as on third down and 10 Chris Nickson scrambled to avoid a heavy Tiger pass rush and found Elijah

to their three wins, while backs to watch include Robert Ethridge (5-11, 170) and Eric Hammonds (5-10, 180).

"Luverne is almost as big as W.S. Neal and really comes off the ball well," added Coach Waters. "They aren't real fancy on offense or defense, but they play hard on every down and are very aggressive. On offense they have good quickness and try to follow their big offensive line, and have a quarterback that is effective both running and passing. Over on defense they do what Luverne has always done, which is stay low up front and get after folks. This may be one of the best teams Luverne has had in years, and the two one-point wins show their maturity and that they know how to win in close games."

"If we are going to get back in the win column this week, we will have to be mentally ready to play and be aggressive on both sides of the ball," added Waters. "We can't let the losses in the past two weeks affect how we play, and we have to regain the confidence that we had early on in the season. On offense we have to block well up front and get back to running the football with some effectiveness. We have some good backs that can help us if we give them some holes, and this week we are, looking for the offensive line to step up and be a force. Over on defense we just have to be smart and stay aggressive. We have made some mistakes the last two weeks on touchdowns that have resulted in touchdowns for our

Daniel behind the Elba secondary for a 64-yard scoring pass. Kick Walker booted the extra-point, and with 46 remaining in the third quarter Pike County was back in command with a 32-14 lead.

Pike County began its next series at the Elba 40-yardline following a Tiger turnover, and needed five plays to get back into the endzone. A 3-yard run by Craig Flowers on fourth down and one kept the drive alive early, while the touchdown came on a 28-yard scamper by Chris Nickson. Walker again added the extra-point, and with 9:09 remaining in the game Pike County had tied the game, all wrapped up as the Bulldogs owned a big 39-14 lead.

Elba was down, but not about to quit, and took the ensuing kickoff and marched 62 yards in 11 plays to score their third touchdown of the night. A 3-yard run by Brandon Petty on fourth down and three kept the Tiger scoring march alive early, while the key play in the march was a 44-yard pass completion from Petty to Kyle English. The touchdown came on fourth down and goal at the nine when Petty connected with Terrence Kyles, but the two-point try failed, and with 4:41 remaining the Tigers were still trailing 39-20.

Pike County recovered the ensuing on-sides kick attempt and quickly reached the Elba 3-yardline. However, the Tiger defense turned back the Bulldogs on three straight running plays, and at the final horn the scoreboard still read Pike County 39 Elba 20.

Todd Horstead gained 33 yards on 5 carries and Quimion Moultry added 21 yards on 7 totes to lead the Elba ground game, while Brandon Petty hit on 11 of 21 passes for 118 yards to spark the Elba offense. Cherelle Edwards added 5 yards on 3 carries and scored 2 touchdowns.

Craig Flowers led Pike County on the ground with 112 yards and 1 touchdown.

STATISTICS

EL	PC
11	1st Downs 12
88	Rushing Yds. 182
118	Passing Yds. 173
206	Total Offense 355
11-22	Passes 4-16-1
4/1	Fumbles/Lost 3/1
5-37	Punts-Ave. 2-33
50	Penalty Yds. 50

In annual grudge match**Elba Tigers host Luverne Friday night**

The Elba Tigers will be looking to stop the skids on a two-game losing streak and post a win over one of their oldest and most heated rivals Friday night when they host the Luverne Tigers, at Elba's Tiger Stadium.

"Luverne has a very talented football team on both offense and defense and will challenge us on both sides of the ball Friday night," said Elba's Coach Mike Waters. "They are big, fast, strong and aggressive, and have been picked by many to win the state title in Class 2A this season. Whenever Elba and Luverne get together it is a dog fight, and this week's game will be no different."

Luverne opened the season with a last-second 13-10 loss to 4A Opp, but have rebounded with three straight wins over Highland Home 7-6, Goshen 10-9 and Keith 42-13, and will bring a 3-1 slate into its annual battle against Elba.

"We will be bigger up front than we have ever been before," said Luverne's Coach Butch Norman prior to the season, and we have a lot of kids that got a lot of work last season as sophomores."

The Tigers are indeed big up front, and are led by senior Bo Norman (6-4, 235), senior Houston Lester (5-10, 215), senior Brett Green (5-10, 175), junior James Norman (6-1, 220), Daniel Brown (5-10, 235), Chester Adams (6-6, 315) and Dequaria Reed (6-0, 240). Quarterback Chad Bowen (6-1, 175) has moved from receiver and has guided the Tiger offense.

opponents, and we simply cannot make mistakes against the teams on our schedule. It will take our best game to come away with a win against Luverne. However, our players know what they can do and how well they can play, and maybe this week will be the week we turn things back around and start a winning streak of our own."

When asked about last week's 39-20 loss to Pike County, Coach Waters stated "We had some chances to win the game, but simply made too many mistakes on both sides of the ball to win against a team as talented as Pike County. We played well at times and not so well at other times, but made some key mistakes, especially on defense, that cost us points and gave Pike County momentum. We moved the ball on some plays and had pretty good running out of a new formation and system, and played hard on defense throughout the game. We just didn't play well enough to win, and with the teams on our schedule, we have to play our best to have a chance."

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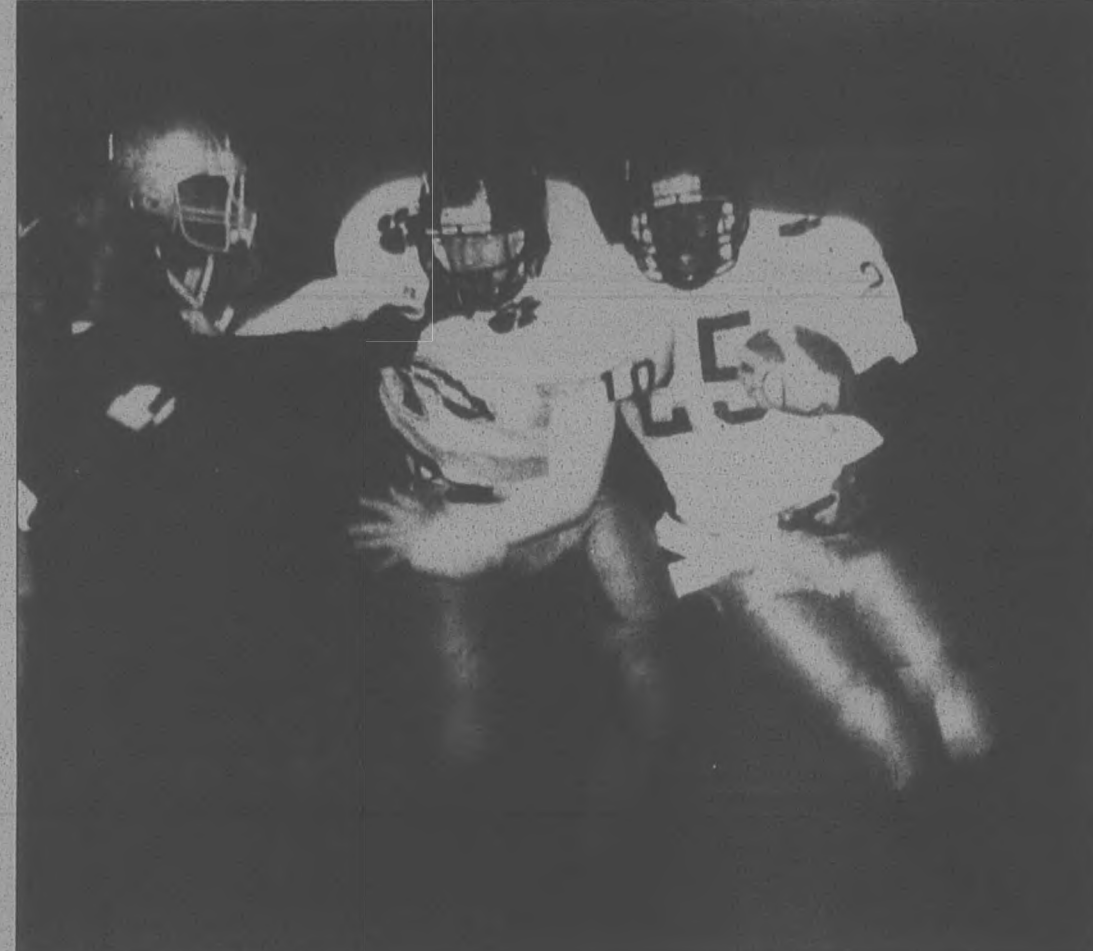
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Elba Tiger wide-receiver Kyle English (4) looks for room to run as he heads up the sidelines in last week's region battle against the Pike County Bulldogs. Coaches Mike Waters and Wynn Grimes watch as English tight ropes down the field.



Elba Tiger tailback Todd Horstead (25) follows the block of fullback Jason Curran (10) as he eyes a hole in the Pike County defense. The Tigers will be looking to snap a two-game losing streak Friday night when they host the Luverne Tigers.



Elba Tiger running back Quinton Moultry (6) heads outside a Pike County defender for a big gain in last week's region battle in Brundidge. The Tigers saw their record slip to 2-2 on the season with a 39-20 loss to the Bulldogs. This week the Tigers will host the Luverne Tigers in one of Elba's oldest and most heated sports rivalries. Kick off will be at 7:30 PM at Tiger Stadium.

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New Brockton quarterback Joe Sawyer (12) awaits the snap during the Gamecocks' region battle last week against Houston Academy. The Gamecocks will venture out of the region this week when they host the Florida Wildcats on Friday night.

Improves region mark to 3-0

Brantley cages Lions 41-0

By Greg Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs offense scored early and often while the defense dominated for all four quarters as the Bulldogs pounded the Houston County Lions 41-0, in a key region encounter, Friday night in Brantley.

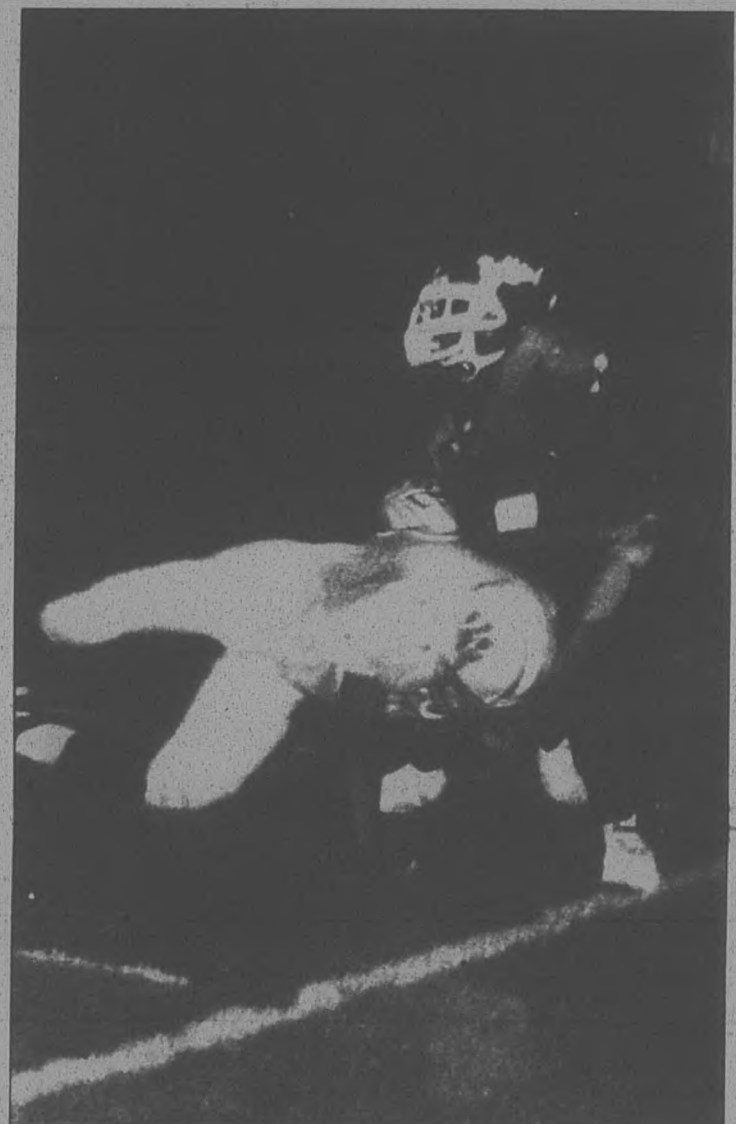
The win gave the Bulldogs a 3-1 record for the young season, and upped Brantley's region record to 3-0.

Brantley wasted little time getting on the scoreboard as the Bulldogs drove 54 yards in 10 plays on their first possession of the night. The touchdown came on a one-yard keeper by Channing Spivey with 6:35 left in the first quarter, and Cedric Jones booted the extra-point to give the Bulldogs a quick 7-0 lead.

The Lions moved to a pair of first downs before giving the ball back to the Bulldogs on a faked punt at the Brantley 49-yardline. From there it took the Bulldogs only three plays to get back into the endzone. Devaris Skanes gained 16 yards on the first play of the scoring march, followed by a Spivey to Jimmy Mitchell strike that covered 14 yards to the Lions 27-yardline. Jamyal Jones then took a hand-off up the middle, broke left and raced 27 yards untouched for a touchdown. Cedric Jones again added the extra-point and with 11:50 left in the second quarter Brantley was on top 14-0.

The next Bulldogs score followed a 49-yard punt return by Devaris Skanes that set Brantley up at the Houston County 1-yardline. Skanes got the touchdown on a one-yard plunge with 4:27 still left in the half, and Jones booted the extra-point to up the Bulldogs' lead to 21-0. A 42-yard punt return by Devaris Skanes midway through the third quarter set up the next Brantley score. It took the Bulldogs only five plays to move the 13 yards to the endzone, with Skanes getting the final three yards on a toss sweep around the left end, Cedric Jones tackled on the extra-point and with 4:56 remaining in the third quarter the Bulldogs had the win wrapped up as they moved ahead 28-0.

Lecarne Billips set up the next Brantley touchdown with a fumble recovery at the Houston County 42-yardline. The Bulldogs wasted little time cov-



Brantley's Terrell Foster (1) tries to avoid going out of bounds as he fights for yardage in the Bulldogs' 41-0 win over Houston County. The win put the Bulldogs at 3-0 in region play for the season.

ering the 52 yards to paydirt, as it took five plays to reach the endzone, with Devaris Skanes scoring his third touchdown of the game on a 43-yard scamper around the right end. Cedric Jones remained perfect with the tee as he drilled the extra-point to up the Brantley lead to 35-0 with 0:16 left in the game. Jimmy Mitchell intercepted a Lions pass at the Houston County 39-yardline on the next play from scrimmage, and the Brantley reserves made the most of their chance by quickly marching in for as score. The scoring march took eight plays and covered 39 yards, with Antuan Foster getting the call on seven of the eight plays and responding by gaining 31 yards. Foster got the score on a one-yard dash, and even though the extra-point try failed, Brantley

was in command with a 41-0 lead with 5:00 remaining on the clock. Brantley's defense was sparked by Jimmy Mitchell with 12 tackles and one interception, while Delange Harris and Cedric Jones also had big nights on defense, and Jones booted five of six extra-point attempts. Devaris Skanes paced the Bulldogs on offense with 101 yards on 12 carries and three touchdowns. Jamyal Jones added 49 yards on only five carries, while Channing Spivey added 32 yards on six totes. Back up tailback Antuan Foster gained 32 yards on six carries. The Lions were led by Tavaras Black with 34 yards on 10 carries.

STATISTICS

B		HC
13	1st Downs	4
36-248	Rushes-Yds.	29-75
36	Passing Yds.	48
284	Total Offense	123
4-10-1	Passes	4-13-1
128	Return Yds.	17
0	Fumbles Lost	1
7-45	Penalties-Yds.	3-22
1-40	Punts-Ave.	4-32

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Gamecocks tripped up by Raiders 31-13 in 2A, Region 2 contest

By Robby Kinsaul

The New Brockton Gamecocks were back in action Friday night at home against the Raiders from Houston Academy in an important Class 2A, Region 2 battle, and the Raiders overcame three turnovers and seventy yards in penalties to claim a big 31-13 win over the home standing Gamecocks.

Defensively, Randy Danford had a big night as he recorded 14 tackles, while brothers Dusty and Tanner Medley had 8 tackles apiece, and Tyler Simmons had 6 tackles and a fumble recovery in the endzone for a New Brockton touchdown.

Offensively, Tyler Simmons gained 64 yards on 15 carries, while the newest addition to the Gamecock ground game, Dusty Medley, added 37 yards on 11 carries. Senior quarterback Joe Sawyer had a big night in the air as he connected on 7 of 13 passes for 109 yards, with Travis Slawson and Tyler Simmons both pulling in 46 yards in receptions.

New Brockton received the opening kick and promptly marched from the Gamecock 32-yardline to the Houston Academy 32. The drive ended on third down on a pass interception at the Raider 6-yardline, but the Gamecocks did salvage points from the early possession as on Houston Academy's first play from scrimmage quarterback Ben Shelley fumbled a handoff, and New Brockton's Tyler Simmons pounced on the loose ball in the endzone for a Gamecock touchdown. Miguel Paiuay booted the extra-point, and with 3:1 remaining in the first quarter New Brockton was on the board with a 7-0 lead.

Houston Academy began its next series at the Raider 44-yardline and this time held on to the football and quickly marched down field to pull even. Houston's well-blocked tackles cut a 56-yard touchdown dash and Alex Burkett added the extra-point as the Raiders pulled even at 7-7, with .05 remaining in the opening stanza.

The New Brockton defense came up with another big play when Randy Danford recovered a Raider fumble at the Gamecock 46-yardline early in the second quarter. However, the Gamecocks gave the ball back two plays later on a pass interception that was returned by the New Brockton 29-yardline, and with 1:21 left in the half Houston Academy now owned a 17-7 advantage.

Houston Academy received the second half kickoff and picked up where it had left off as the Raiders marched 63 yards to paydirt. The scoring march was capped off by a 13-yard touchdown run by Eric Whitlow, and Alex Burkett again added the extra-point, as the Raiders upped their lead to 24-7 with 8:29 left in the third quarter.

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GAMECOCK DEFENSE...fills the middle at the New Brockton goal line against the Houston Academy offense. The Gamecock defense scored first in the region contest last week on a fumble recovery in the endzone. Pictured above are Randy Danford (34), Tanner Medley (51) and Daniel Hernandez (62).

The Raiders reached the New Brockton 13-yardline on the first play of the possession, but penalties slowed the Raider drive, and Houston Academy settled for three points when Alex Burkett came in on a kicked 27-yard field goal. The Gamecock defense had turned back the Raider threat, but came back up-field now trailing 10-7.

The Gamecocks failed to move the chains on their next possession and punted the ball back to Houston Academy. The Raiders quickly moved to a first down at the New Brockton 9-yardline, but saw the Gamecock defense stiffen, and needed four plays to reach the endzone, with the score coming on a one-yard blast by Steven Surgenier. Burkett booted the extra-point, and with 1:21 left in the half Houston Academy now owned a 17-7 advantage.

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STATISTICS

NB		HA
11	1st Downs	10
106	Rushing Yds.	263
109	Passing Yds.	81
215	Total Offense	344
0/0	Fumbles/Lost	3/2
0	Penalty Yds.	70

Battle of Rebels at Zion Chapel

No rest this week for area teams despite non-region opponents

The high school football season will reach the halfway mark this Friday night, and for teams all the area and all across the state, week #5 will bring with it a break from the grueling region battles of the last three weeks.

Following are previews of this week's area games:

Florida Wildcats at New Brockton Gamecocks

The (2-1) New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to bounce back from last week's region loss to Houston Academy on Friday night in Gamecock Stadium when they host the (0-4) Florida Wildcats. The Gamecocks had problems finding the endzone in last week's 31-13 setback, but did have success both running and passing, and this week must find a way to cut out the mistakes that stopped many of the potential scoring drives. The Wildcats have dropped 26 straight games over the past three years and will enter the contest with an 0-4 slate after losses to Red Level 28-0, Anton 42-6, Cottonwood 33-6 and Kinston 42-13. While this one looks easy on paper, you can bet the Wildcats will be hungry for a New Brockton win, and will fight until the final horn.

Samson Tigers at Kinston Bulldogs

The (2-1) Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to up their record to 3-1 Friday night when they host the arch-rival (1-3) Samson Tigers in a 7:00 PM match-up, at Kinston. The Bulldogs upped their region record to 2-1 last week with an easy win over Florida and unleashed a powerful running game that was led by a much-improved offensive line. Samson will enter the game with a less than impressive 1-3 record. However, the Tigers have played well in all four games and will be headed over to Kinston looking to get back in the win column. The Tigers' win came over G.W. Long 21-12, while the losses were to Georgiana 25-0, New Brockton 13-0 and Red Level 21-7. You can throw

the records out the window when these two meet, and Friday night should be no different.

G.W. Long Rebels at Zion Chapel Rebels

The (0-4) Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking for that elusive first win of the season Friday night when they host the (1-3) G.W. Long Rebels in a South Alabama Civil War. Zion Chapel fell behind early last week and saw a late charge fall far short in a region loss to Arton, but the Rebels have been putting points on the scoreboard in recent weeks, and if the Rebels can find a defense, a win could be on the horizon. G.W. Long stumbled out of the gate to an 0-3 start after losses to Dale County 32-0, Samson 21-12 and Houston Academy 33-0, but chalked up a win last week over region foe Geneva County 20-0, and will be bringing with it a week of wins in a row this week with a road win over Zion Chapel. The team will play the best and wants it the worst will win this week, and one thing for sure, this time the Rebels will come out on top.

Brantley Bulldogs at Highland Home Flying Squadron

The (3-1) Brantley Bulldogs will be hoping to continue their recent winning ways Friday night when they head up the road to tangle with the (3-1) Highland Home Flying Squadron. The Bulldogs have bounced back from a disappointing season opening loss to post impressive wins over region foes Cottonwood, Pleasant Home and Houston County, and will be looking to use a win over their county rivals as a spring board heading into a streak of four consecutive region battles. Highland Home will carry a 2-2 record into this week's clash, with wins over McIntosh 21-14, Marbury 20-0, and Billingsley, and a loss to Laverne 7-6. The Bulldogs are filled with confidence after three straight wins, and this week should show just how good the 'Dogs really are.

SPORTS

Improves region record to 2-1

Kinston runs past Wildcats 42-13

By Tony Kelley

Florida High School celebrated its homecoming on Friday night and hosted the Kinston Bulldogs in a key region two match-up. However, once the game kicked off the Wildcats and their fans had little reason to celebrate as the Bulldogs took command early and never let up as Kinston trampled the winless 'Cats 42-13.

Kinston jumped on top early as the Bulldogs scored on their first possession of the night. The touchdown came on a 4-yard sweep by Jim Bedsole, who ended the game with 173 yards on 17 carries and three touchdowns.

Kinston's second score came on a Wildcat turnover as Matthew Wilkerson recovered laterally in the Florida endzone. The extra-point try failed, but the Bulldogs were in command early with a 13-0 lead.

Early in the second quarter the Bulldogs headed back down the gridiron again with Bedsole and Cole Meeks eating up yards along the way. Bedsole, on an option from quarterback J.T. Wiggins, scampered into the endzone from 38 yards out. The two-point conversion was successful and Kinston was on top 21-0.

Kinston didn't waste any time adding to its lead as Jim Bedsole stepped in front of a Wildcat pass to put the Bulldogs right back in business at the Florida 28-yardline. Two plays later it was Matthew Wilkerson bursting through the Wildcat defense from 25 yards out, and after the extra-point by Jeremy Driver, the Bulldogs were the ones doing the celebrating with

a big 28-0 lead.

Kinston continued to dominate Florida in the second half with outstanding defense and more great running thanks to gaping holes provided by the offensive line. After forcing a Wildcat punt, Kinston was ready to strike again!

On second down and eight from the Kinston 41, J.T. Wiggins connected with Shawn Brantley for a 21-yard completion, to the Wildcat 38, and on the very next play Jim Bedsole broke loose for a 26-yard scamper. Two plays later it was Cole Meeks that plowed through the Florida defense for a 10-yard scoring dash, and after the Driver extra-point, the Bulldogs' lead was up to 35-0.

Florida finally lit up its side of the scoreboard late in the third quarter when Tyler Hughes pulled up after taking a pitch out and lofted an 88-yard halfback pass to a streaking Vance Gettis. However, the Bulldogs quickly answered the Wildcat score, as Bedsole took a pitch from Wiggins and this time raced 38 yards for another Kinston score. Florida would add a late score to make the final Kinston 42 Florida 13.

Kinston's Coach Gary Glass was well pleased with the enthusiasm shown by his team in the big win and stated "I was proud of the way we bounced back from last week. Our players were really fired up and showed a lot of heart, and we needed a big win to give us a boost."

The Bulldogs will host the 2A Samson Tigers this week and Coach Glass stated it will take the same intensity shown against Florida to be successful against the talented Tigers.



Kinston's Chase Williams (58) applies heavy pressure to the Florida quarterback as Bulldog teammate Jeff Etheridge (88) closes in. The Bulldogs will host Samson this week in the renewal of an annual battle between the two football neighbors.

"Samson has a very good football team," said Coach Glass. "They have played some tough teams this season and their record is no indication of how good they really are. They

will have the best defense we have faced and our offense will really be put to the test."

Kick off is set for 7:00 PM.

In 39-20 loss to Arton

Zion Chapel Rebel rally falls short

Statistics by Chris Winters

The Zion Chapel Rebels fell behind early and never recovered Friday night as they suffered a 39-20 road loss to the Arton Purple Cats, in a Class 1A, Region 2 battle.

Arton received the opening kick and wasted no time getting on the scoreboard as T.R. Oliver fielded the kick at the Arton 15-yardline and raced 85 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point was true, and with only 14 seconds gone in the first quarter the Purple Cats were on top 7-0.

Arton began its next possession at the Rebel 3-yardline following a pass interception and return, and needed only one play to get back into the endzone as Marquis Ward got the call and scored on an 8-yard dash. The extra-point was blocked by Zion Chapel's Josh Smith, but with 9:00 still left in the opening quarter the 'Cats were off and running with a 13-0 advantage.

The Purple Cats got the ball back near midfield after a Rebel punt and once again wasted little time marching in for a score. The touchdown came on a 28-yard scamper by T.R. Oliver, and even though a two-point pass missed its target, Arton was in command early with a 19-0 lead with 2:52 remaining in the first quarter.

The Zion Chapel offense continued to struggle on its next series. However, the Rebel defense was ready to step up, and scored a touchdown of its own on Arton's next series as Josh Richards picked off a Purple Cat pass and returned the interception 50 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try was blocked, but with 1:15 still left in the first quarter the Rebels had cut the Purple Cat lead to 19-6.

The Rebels got the ball right back on a pass interception by Josh Smith. However, this time Zion Chapel failed to cash in the turnover, and punted the ball back to the 'Cats.

A 50-yard punt return by Arton's T.R. Oliver set the Purple Cats up at the Zion Chapel 34-yardline, and two plays later the 'Cats were back in the endzone, this time on a 12-yard dash by Oliver. The



A Zion Chapel running back fights for extra yardage as two Purple Cat defenders try to drag him down. The Rebels will host G.W. Long this week still looking for their first win of the season under new coach John Donaldson.

two-point try again failed, but Arton was back in charge with a 25-6 lead with 4:29 remaining in the second quarter.

Zion Chapel received the ensuing kick off and promptly marched 56 yards to cut into the Purple cat advantage. A 14-yard kick off return by Hayden Osborn started the scoring drive, while the score came on a 56-yard dash by Josh Richards. Josh Smith passed to Brandon Arnold for the two-point conversion, and with 11:46 remaining in the game the Rebels had cut the Arton lead to 39-14.

The Rebel defense set up the next Rebel score when Seth Legg broke through to block an Arton punt that was recovered at the Purple Cat 6-yardline. Michael Rayburn got the score on the next play on a six-yard run, and even though the two-point try failed, the Rebels were still fighting and had pulled within 39-20 with 6:24 remaining on the clock.

Zion Chapel recovered two Arton fumbles in the closing minutes of the game, but failed to cash in either of the

turnovers, and at the final horn the Rebels had suffered their fourth loss of the season to Arton 39-20.

Josh Richards gained 63 yards on 2 carries to lead the Zion Chapel offense, while Josh Smith hit on 6 of 14 passes for 58 yards. T.R. Oliver paced the Purple Cats with 55 yards on 8 carries.

STATISTICS

ZC		A
9	1st Downs	7
27-52	Rushing Yds.	26-125
91	Passing Yds.	83
143	Total Offense	208
7-15-2	Passes	5-9-2
2/2	Fumbles/Lost	6/3
51	Penalty Yds.	88

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